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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF AMBASSADOR BY US JOURNALISTS.

1. ON APRIL 26 I MET WITH TWO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. VISITING JOURNALISTS GROUP AND TAPED SHORT TV INTERVIEW WITH EACH. JOURNALISTS WERE TOM HAWKINS OF CHANNEL 9, RKO LOS ANGELES AND RICK CHRISTENSEN OF KVAL TV EUGENE, OREGON.

2. SUBJECT MATER OF BOTH INTERVIEWS SIMILAR AND RELATED TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, NORMALIZATION AND ITS IMPACT HERE AND NATURE ROC-US RELATIONS NOW AND IN FUTURE.

3. WHEN NEWSMEN ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, HOW U.S. PEOPLE SHOULD INTERPRET IT, WHAT WERE INTENTIONS ON NORMALIZATION, ETC. I ONLY DESCRIBED STRUCTURE OF COMMUNIQUE AND EXPLAINED THAT IT ESTABLISHES THE DIRECTION TOWARD CLOSER COMMUNICATION AND NORMALIZATION BETWEEN US AND PRC. I EMPHASIZED U.S. INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH NORMALIZATION IN RESPONSIBLE WAY AND SEEK TO AVOID DAMAGE TO OUR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ROC. I EMPHASIZED RELATIONS PARTICULARLY ON COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT SIDE AND EXPRESSED EXPECTATION CLOSE COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS WILL CONTINUE IN FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT. I ACKNOWLEDGED IN REPLY TO QUESTION THAT THERE ARE APPREHENSIONS HERE REGARDING SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND PEOPLE QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF SOME OF OUR ACTIONS BUT SAID I HOPED THEY HAD BEEN REASSURED THAT WE INTEND TO ACT RESPONSIBLY

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AND I REFERRED TO PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT A "PROPER

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